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Design and Access Hearings to be held for Improvements to State Route 270

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is in the preliminary design phase for improvements to State Route 270 between Pullman and the Idaho State Line. As a part of that process, the Department will hold a Design Hearing and Limited Access Hearing on the project. The Design and Access Hearings will be held Tuesday, January 22, 2002 at the Pullman City Hall, Youth Center Room, 3525 SE Paradise Street in Pullman.

The Design Hearing portion will be an open house format and will take place from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The formal Limited Access Hearing will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Interested citizens are invited to review and discuss the plans and displays with WSDOT staff and make formal comments to the hearing record.

The purpose of these hearings is to share information the WSDOT has developed regarding the project and to give local officials, owners of abutting property, and other interested citizens an opportunity to be make comments concerning this plan that proposes to limit access to SR 270 between Forest Way and the Idaho State Line. Department staff attending the Design Hearing portion will be available to discuss various details of the project or respond to questions about the project. A hearing examiner and court reporter will be available to receive testimony at the Access Hearing. Written comments may also be submitted during both hearings or directed at the address below, until February 4, 2002.

The Washington State Department of Transportation has plans to expand SR 270 to a four-lane, divided highway, addressing growing capacity and safety concerns on this major commuter route. The design will include several frontage roads and other enhancements. Currently, the Department is developing right-of-way plans for the highway widening. At this time, construction funding has not yet been appropriated for this project, however when additional funding becomes available the Department will be able to proceed with final design work and commence with construction.

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For additional information or to review the project before the hearings, interested persons may contact the project office at the following address:

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